UNITED STATED DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ANDREW PERRONG, individually and on behalf of a class of all persons and entities similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

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ORBIT ENERGY & POWER, LLC

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-00777

Magistrate Judge Carol Sandra Moore Wells

FINAL APPROVAL ORDER

On June 16, 2022, this Court heard the motion for final approval of the class action settlement and for entry of judgment filed by Plaintiff.¹ This Court reviewed: (a) the motion and the supporting papers, including the Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement"); (b) any objections filed with or presented to the Court; (c) the Parties' responses to any objections; and (d) counsel's arguments. Based on this review and the findings below, the Court found good cause to grant the motion.

FINDINGS:

1. Upon review of the record, the Court hereby finds that the Settlement Agreement is, in all respects, fair, adequate, and reasonable and therefore approves it. Among other matters considered, the Court took into account: (a) the complexity of Plaintiff's theory of liability; (b) the arguments raised by Orbit Energy & Power, LLC ("Orbit") in its pleadings that could potentially preclude or reduce the recovery by Settlement Class Members; (c) delays in any award to the

¹ Capitalized terms in this Order, unless otherwise defined, have the same definitions as those terms in the Settlement Agreement.

Settlement Class that would occur due to further litigation and appellate proceedings; (d) the amount of discovery that has occurred; (e) the relief provided to the Settlement Class; (f) the recommendation of the Settlement Agreement by counsel for the Parties; and (g) the low number of objectors to the Settlement Agreement, demonstrating that the Settlement Class has a positive reaction to the proposed settlement.

- 2. The Court also finds that extensive arm's-length negotiations have taken place, in good faith, between Settlement Class Counsel and Orbit's Counsel resulting in the Settlement Agreement. These negotiations were presided over by an experienced mediator.
- 3. The Settlement Agreement provides substantial value to the Settlement Class in the form of cash payments as well as remedial relief designed to stop the prohibited conduct.
- 4. Notice was provided to Class Members in compliance with Section 4 of the Settlement Agreement, due process, and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The notice: (i) fully and accurately informed Settlement Class Members about the lawsuit and settlement; (ii) provided sufficient information so that Settlement Class Members could decide whether to accept the benefits offered, opt-out and pursue their own remedies, or object to the settlement; (iii) provided procedures for Class Members to file written objections to the proposed settlement, to appear at the hearing, and to state objections to the proposed settlement; and (iv) provided the time, date, and place of the final fairness hearing.
- 5. The parties filed a copy of the notice it gave on January 21, 2021 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b), and the notice complies with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b).
- 6. Plaintiff and Settlement Class Counsel have fairly and adequately protected the Settlement Class' interests, and the Parties have adequately performed their obligations under the Settlement Agreement.

- 7. For the reasons stated in the Preliminary Approval Order, and having found nothing in any submitted objections that would disturb these previous findings, this Court finds and determines that the proposed Class, as defined below, meets all of the legal requirements for class certification, for settlement purposes only, under <u>Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23</u> (a) and (b)(3).
- 8. An award of \$2,024,930.00 for a Fees, Costs, and Expenses Award to Settlement Class Counsel is fair and reasonable in light of the nature of this case, Settlement Class Counsel's experience and efforts in prosecuting this Action, and the benefits obtained for the Settlement Class.
- 9. A Service Payment to Plaintiff of \$15,000 is fair and reasonable in light of: (a) Plaintiff's risks (including financial, professional, and emotional) in commencing this Action; (b) the time and effort spent by Plaintiff in litigating this Action; and (c) Plaintiff's public interest service.
- 10. Reimbursement of \$225,000 to the Settlement Administrator is fair and reasonable to compensate it for the provision of notice to the Settlement Class and administering the Settlement.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Orbit Energy called from February 19, 2017 through November 1, 2021 using the XenCall/ReadyMode dialing system (a) more than one time in a 12-month period to a telephone number while it was on the national or a state Do-Not-Call Registry (b) as a result of purchasing that telephone number from SalesGenie. Excluded from the Class are persons who timely and validly requested exclusion from the Settlement Class. The Class Period is from January 1, 2017 through May 1, 2020.

- 12. **Binding Effect of Order**. This Order applies to all claims or causes of action settled under the Settlement Agreement and binds all Settlement Class Members, including those who did not properly request exclusion under paragraph 13 of the Preliminary Approval Order. This Order does not bind persons who filed timely and valid requests for exclusion.
- 13. Release. Plaintiff and all Settlement Class Members who did not properly request exclusion are: (1) deemed to have released and discharged Orbit from all claims arising out of or asserted in the Action and all claims released under the Settlement Agreement; and (2) barred and permanently enjoined from asserting, instituting, or prosecuting, either directly or indirectly, these claims. The full terms of the release described in this paragraph are set forth in the Settlement Agreement and are specifically incorporated herein by this reference.
- 14. Class Relief. Orbit is directed to provide the Settlement Fund to the Settlement Administrator according to the terms and timeline stated in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator is further directed to issue payments to each Settlement Class Member who submitted a valid and timely Claim Form (i.e., each Authorized Claimant) according to the terms and timeline stated in the Settlement Agreement.
- 15. **Cy Pres Distribution.** Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, any unpaid portion of the Settlement Fund shall be paid to the National Consumer Law Center.
- 16. **Miscellaneous.** No person or entity shall have any claim against Orbit, Orbit's Counsel, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class Members, Settlement Class Counsel, or the Settlement Administrator based on distributions and payments made in accordance with the Agreement.
- 17. Court's Jurisdiction. Pursuant to the Parties' request, the Court will retain jurisdiction over this Action and the Parties for all purposes related to this settlement.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of June, 2022.

CAROL SANDRA MOORE WELLS

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE